

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraphs **[0015A]** and **[0015B]**, to be inserted after paragraph **[0015]**:

[0015A] In at least one embodiment, the extended release pharmaceutical composition comprises a core comprising by weight per coated tablet weight about 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride, about 25 mg colloidal silicon dioxide, about 34 mg polyvinylalcohol, about 39 mg crospovidone and about 22 mg glyceryl behenate; and a coat surrounding said core, wherein said coat is permeable to metformin hydrochloride, said coat comprising by weight per coated tablet weight about 21 mg ethyl cellulose, about 11 mg polyvinylpyrrolidone, and about 8 mg dibutyl sebacate.

[0015B] In at least one embodiment, the extended release pharmaceutical composition comprises a core comprising by weight per coated tablet weight about 750 mg metformin hydrochloride, about 19 mg colloidal silicon dioxide, about 26 mg polyvinylalcohol, about 30 mg crospovidone and about 17 mg glyceryl behenate; and a coat surrounding said core, wherein said core is permeable to metformin hydrochloride, said coat comprising by weight per coated tablet weight about 21 mg ethylcellulose, 11 mg polyvinylpyrrolidone and about 8 mg dibutyl sebacate.